Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Ray Plowman was born on October 31, 1915, to Marshall and Josephine Gullickson Plowman at their family farm in Lake County, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Ray graduated from Watertown High School, Augustana College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, and from The University of South Dakota with a Master's Degree in Business and Education; and,

Whereas, Ray was united in marriage to Elaine Winter on August 20, 1942, at the Congregational Church in Parkston, South Dakota, and to this union two daughters were born: Gwendolyn and Cheryl, who in turn blessed them with three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Ray taught school and coached in the Parker school system for 4 years where he met Elaine and was superintendent of the Tripp public schools for 2 years. He is remembered by many for refereeing basketball and football at the high school and college levels; and,

Whereas, Ray spent 40 years with First National Bank in Armour, South Dakota, which later became the First State Bank, serving as president for 18 years. He was generous in giving of his time to the Armour community, as well as the South Dakota Bankers Association, State Banking Commission, State Industrial Development Corporation, American Banking Association Board, and the National Independent Bankers Association; and,

Whereas, Ray will observe his 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him on October 30, 2005, to celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 31, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State